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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Board of Education

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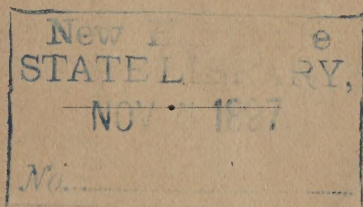
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.



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REPORT.

Account of Money furnished F. J. Eastman, Town
Treasurer, for the year ending March 1, 1876.

1875.

Rec'd of F. J. Eastman, Treasurer 1874,	\$1,632 85
Hiram Cilley, taxes 1874,	275 57
“ “ 1875,	5,931 34
Bonds sold during the year,	7,535 72
State, Savings Bank tax,	680 18
State, Railroad tax,	255 69
State, Literary Fund,	76 54
County, for Paupers,	478 37
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	\$16,866 26

Orders given on Treasurer to pay Notes and Interest,
for the year ending March 1, 1876, \$9,921 62

Orders given on Treasurer to pay School Money, for
the year ending March 1, 1876.

District No. 1,	\$92 32
“ “ Special tax,	20 00
“ “ 2,	115 60
“ “ 3,	65 16
“ “ 4,	92 32
“ “ 5,	102 35
“ “ 6,	54 45

District No. 7,	\$66 32
" " 10,	239 12
" " 11,	30 52
Marden Settlement,	2 89
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	\$881 05

Orders given on Treasurer to pay repairs on Roads
and Bridges for the year ending March 1, 1876.

1875.

To pay S. R. Dalton, breaking roads,	\$1 50
Alex. C. Dow, " "	11 00
A. J. Cate, " "	8 50
J. F. Glines, " "	7 50
J. B. Yeaton, " "	6 00
C. G. Smith, for J. C. Dow, breaking roads,	15 00
Francisco Benitez, breaking roads,	2 82
J. B. Watson, " "	1 39
R. S. Perkins, grade for road,	12 00
G. W. Fellows, breaking roads,	5 00
J. N. Forrest, " "	2 00
E. O. Downing, " "	14 00
J. O. Walker, " "	3 36
R. Dearborn, " "	2 00
C. M. Glines, " "	3 45
W. T. Bartlett, " "	1 80
A. J. Cate, " "	3 75
Jason Foss, " "	29 00
J. F. Glines,	4 60
C. R. Gould, for labor on bridge, and railing road, by D. B. Gould,	40 00
J. Brown, breaking roads,	5 00
L. D. Haines, " "	12 50

To pay L. D. Haines, breaking new road,	\$13 80
Daniel Sanborn, breaking roads,	6 98
G. W. Fellows, repairs on road,	13 00
W. S. Hill, building new road,	125 50
J. F. Glines, repairs on road,	6 00
J. Heath, breaking roads,	1 00
A. J. Cate, repairs on road,	2 50
L. B. Fellows, " "	9 50
W. M. Glines, breaking roads,	12 00
" " covering stone,	5 00
G. M. Riley, repairs on road,	4 50
E. O. Downing, " "	1 00
W. S. Hill, repairs on Belmont road,	26 00
1876.	
H. P. Sewall, breaking roads,	20 00
A. J. Cate, " "	5 00
J. B. Yeaton, " "	2 55
E. O. Downing, " "	3 96
B. P. Simonds, bridge plank,	32 07
Smith & Barnes, " "	58 80
A. H. Tebbetts, bridge timber,	1 50
J. M. Clough, breaking roads,	10 00
O. C. Wyatt, " "	7 50
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	\$560 33

Orders given on Treasurer to pay Pauper Bills, for
the year ending March 1, 1876.

To pay Polly Keniston for boarding Col. Foss, 26 weeks, previous to March 1, 1875,	\$91 00
A. J. Kimball, for boarding D. Kimball,	21 00
Wesley Knowles, aid to David Morrill,	8 61
G. P. Cross, house rent, W. Arlin,	12 00

To pay A. J. Dearborn, aid to W. Arlin,	\$23 00
I. G. Mooney, aid to Moses Danforth,	8 00
Richard Dearborn, drawing wood for M. Danforth,	3 00
J. G. Carlton, house rent, M. Danforth,	21 00
Taylor & Parker, goods for paupers,	65 00
Hill & Philbrick, " "	80 00
Philbrick & Hill, " "	30 67
J. F. Taylor, " "	40 00
Kemp & Woodbury, " "	18 00
C. R. Gould, medical aid to paupers,	77 00
H. P. Sewall, aid to N. Jackman,	11 12
Brown & Rowell, wood for W. Arlin,	6 00
G. W. Sawyer, goods for " "	6 00
Mussey Brothers, " "	1 00
Geo. A. Stevens, medicine for paupers,	11 95
Abby C. Emmons, keeping Collins family,	3 00
Polly Keniston, boarding Col. Foss, 31 3-4 weeks,	125 70
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	\$663 05

Orders given on Treasurer to pay Current Expenses
for the year ending March 1, 1876.

To pay G. W. Baker, printing reports and orders,	\$42 00
B. F. Cofran, as Auditor,	3 00
J. N. Forrest, " "	3 00
Robert Smith, parsonage fund,	5 50
O. P. Sanborn, " "	5 50
C. H. Robertson, bal. due for services as S. Com.	10 00
Daniel Sanborn, services as Selectman,	8 50
G. W. Baker, printing Collector's receipts,	3 25
Francis Stevens, services appraising real estate,	46 00
L. B. Fellows, " " "	45 00
Jason Foss, " " "	45 00

To pay O. C. Wyatt, services appraising real estate,	\$47 00
Hiram Cilley, services, Investigating Committee,	60 00
F. J. Eastman, " " "	5 00
J. N. Forrest, " " "	5 00
State Tax,	936 00
B. M. Sanborn, books and stationery,	11 55
County tax,	837 15
W. C. French, supporting watering trough,	3 00
H. I. Glines, " " "	3 00
J. F. Taylor, parsonage fund, 1875,	5 50
D. S. Clay, " "	5 50
S. H. Williams, " "	5 50
Hiram Cilley, care of Town House.	6 00
C. R. Gould, services as Town Clerk,	45 00
" " " School Committee,	35 00
L. B. Fellows, services as Selectman,	100 96
F. Stevens. " "	20 00
D. M. Page, " "	150 90
F. J. Eastman, " Treasurer,	50 00
Robert Martin, " Police,	8 00
J. E. Dennis, " "	4 00
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	\$2,560 81

Orders given on Treasurer to pay for Land bid off
to pay Taxes, for the year ending March 1, 1876.

1876.

To pay Hiram Cilley, Coll., B. F. Smith's tax and expenses,	\$6 90
" " " G. W. Brown's " "	9 77
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	\$16 67

Orders given on Treasurer to pay Outstanding Bills
for the year ending March 1, 1876.

To pay B. F. Cofran, services Selectman, and pauper cases,	11	58
Town of Gilford, small pox case, John Dinsmore,	100	00
A. S. Ballantyne, precinct tax,	160	30
Robert Martin, breaking road for H. Bean, and other labor on roads,		8 00
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		\$279 88

Orders given on Treasurer to pay for Sheep Killed
by Dogs, for the year ending March 1, 1876.

March 1, 1876.

To pay C. F. Gile, 1 sheep,	\$3	50
F. Stevens, "	3	00
Benj. Haines, 2 "	7	00
J. H. Philbrick, "	5	00
J. K. Davis, 1 "	3	00
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		\$21 50

Amount of Notes and Interest due from the Town
March 1, 1876.

Martha J. Dearborn,	\$343	78
R. R. Hutchins,	123	76
Mary C. Bean,	112	42
David Brown,	244	49
" "	1,196	30
Mrs. S. A. Hill,	192	17
Lizzie M. French,	293	57
Cynthia A. Hill,	186	31

Rhoda Clark,	\$94 47
Hannah French,	196 92
Mary S. Plummer,	299 14
W. S. Hill,	819 19
Caroline Blake,	233 36
Harriet Brown,	76 43
Olive Hutchins,	77 00
R. S. Whicher, Guardian,	435 55
Fanny Smith,	266 13
Obadiah Glines,	88 97
Lydia Brown,	293 65
J. S. Winslow, Ex'r Samuel Wyatt Est.,	472 85
Sophia Whicher,	104 66
John E. Forrest,	271 37
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	\$6,422 49

Statement of Hiram Cilley's account, as Collector,
for 1875-6.

Whole amount committed,	\$6,422 29
Interest collected,	19 38
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	\$6,441 67
Abatements,	\$48 43
Abatements and errors,	29 00
Highway receipts,	105 30
Uncollected,	215 22
Collector's fees,	112 38
Paid Town Treasurer,	5,931 34
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	\$6,441 67

Reported, March 3, 1875, as uncollected on Hiram
Cilley's book, for 1874, \$309 44

The following of which has been paid :

Paid Treasurer,	\$275 57
Highway receipts, and abatements,	11 50
Uncollected,	22 37
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\$309 44

Respectfully Submitted,

DANIEL M. PAGE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
FRANCIS STEVENS,	
LYMAN B. FELLOWS,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Northfield.</i>

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the subscribers, having examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, and of the Treasurer, for the year 1875-6, respectfully submit that we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

The following we submit as a brief statement of the Financial condition of the Town :

The Selectmen charge the Treasurer with having rec'd, \$16,866 26

This includes amount in Treasury, March 1, 1875.

The Treasurer discharges himself of this amount as follows :

By paid Orders outstanding as per last report,	\$13 56	
Notes and Interest,	9,921 62	
School Money,	881 05	
Roads and Bridges,	560 33	
Outstanding bills,	279 88	
For Sheep killed by dogs,	213 50	
Pauper bills,	663 05	
Current expenses,	2,560 81	
For land bid off to pay taxes,	16 67	
Interest on bonds,	789 00	
		\$15,707 47
Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer,		\$1,158 79

Indebtedness of the Town.

Amount due on Bonds,	\$20,000 00
Interest on Bonds,	400 00
Amount due on Notes,	6,422 49

Due School District No. 9,	105 51
“ “ “ 8,	38 75
“ “ “ 5,	25 00
Dog tax for 1874,	30 50
“ “ 1875,	50 00
Interest due on Bonds, Nov. 1875, unpaid,	21 00
Outstanding bills, estimated,	100 00
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	\$27,193 25

Available Means.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$1,158 79
Uncollected taxes, considered good,	175 00
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	\$1,333 79
Indebtedness of the Town,	\$25,859 46
Reduction of the debt, during the year,	\$912 74

There are, also, the unsettled claims of the Town against Huse and Coggsell.

And a claim of the Town against F. R. Chase, amounting to about \$40.00

ADAM S. BALLANTYNE, } *Board of Auditors.*
CHARLES R. GOULD, }

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer presents the following Report for the
year ending March 1, 1876.

Rec'd Cash; from all sources,	\$16,866 26
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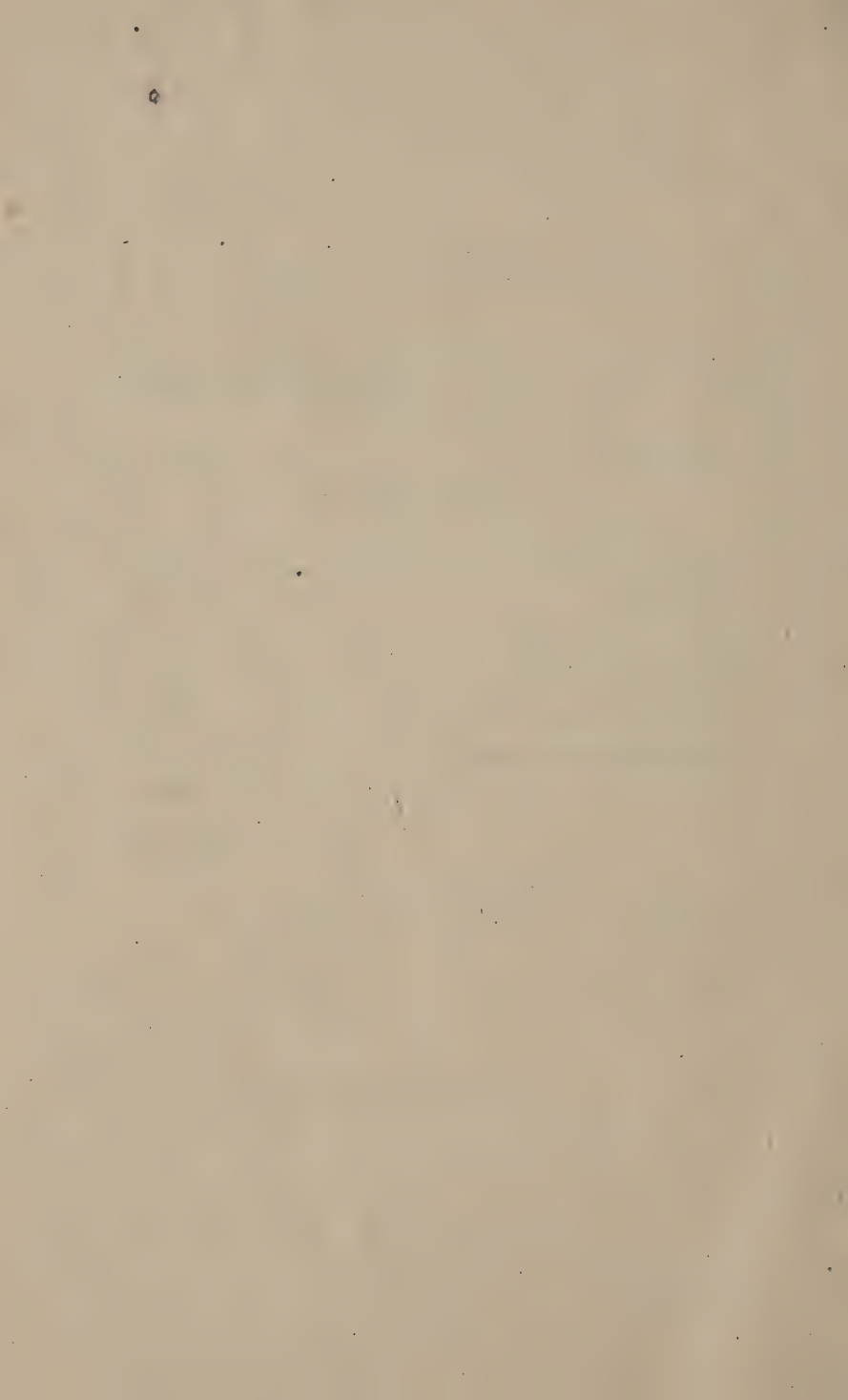
AS FOLLOWS:

Cash on hand, from last year,	\$1,632 85
From tax of 1874,	275 57
From Bonds,	7,500 00
From Interest on Bonds,	35 72
From Savings Bank tax,	680 18
From Railroad tax,	255 69
From Literary fund,	76 54
From County, for paupers,	478 37
Tax of 1875,	5,930 34
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	\$16,866 26

There has been paid out on warrants of the

Selectmen,	\$14,918 47
Coupons,	789 00
Cash on hand,	1,158 79
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	\$16,866 26

F. J. EASTMAN, Treasurer.



REPORT OF *Superintending School Committee.*

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD.

In reporting the condition of your schools for the year 1875, I must say they do not measure up to the standard demanded by our *wants*.

In my best judgement there has not been a single instance of an entirely successful school in town during the year. Short terms, cheap teachers, a miscellaneous assortment of text-books, and an utter want of apparatus, are among the faults to which the failures should be attributed; and these faults are the legitimate results of a lack of interest and intelligent effort on your part to improve the educational privileges of your children.

I will also state, for the satisfaction of tax-payers of Northfield, that not one dollar of your school money, at least so far as applied to payment of teachers, has been legally expended.

This, in a few words, fairly represents the condition of your school interests. Is it satisfactory? Will you ask yourselves the question, and meantime, do not forget that a very large proportion of the children in town will have no advantages beyond the common school, and only a few years, and a few weeks in a year of that.

You ought to realize that time is as valuable to the child as to the man. If you are dissatisfied, why not at once adopt the act abolishing the districts and be reaping the benefits of a better way.

DISTRICT No. 1.

First term of five weeks taught by Mrs. F. S. Spencer.

Second term of nine weeks taught by Miss Lena L. Thurstin.

DISTRICT No. 2.

First term of eight weeks taught by Miss Marion E. Lyford.

DISTRICT No. 3.

One term of 10 1-2 weeks taught by Miss C. Anna Shaw.

Average attendance, 4 1-2 scholars.

DISTRICT No. 4.

First term of seven weeks, taught by Miss Mary P. Payson.

Second term of seven weeks taught by Miss Anda L. Thompson.

DISTRICT No. 5.

First term of eight weeks taught by Miss E. D. Wardwell.

Second term of 6 1-2 weeks taught by Mrs. L. A. Moore.

This school needs the discipline of a master.

DISTRICT No. 6.

First term of 7 weeks, and second term of 6 weeks taught by Miss Belle W. Gile.

DISTRICT No. 7.

First term of 5 weeks taught by Miss Georgiana Chandler.

Second term of 7 1-2 weeks taught by Mrs. Lucy R. H. Cross.

DISTRICT No. 11.

One term of 9 weeks taught by Miss Anda L. Thompson.

Average attendance, 3 scholars.

C. R. GOULD,

Superintending School Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR UNION DISTRICT, NO. 10.

In submitting the following report, two members of the present board labor under some embarrassment—having served only a portion of the year—Mr. Ballantyne having been appointed August 6th, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal from town of Rev. Mr. Pratt, and Mr. Rogers, Nov. 24th, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the lamented Dr. Herrick.

Both Primary and Grammar departments have had thirty-one weeks of school: two terms of ten and one of eleven weeks each.

The Grammar department has been under the care of Miss Lucia K. Gile. This school has not been as successful in all respects as might be desired. The examination at the close of the year showed, in some instances, commendable progress and thoroughness, while most of the classes exhibited a laxity of discipline that was far from satisfactory to the Board. The character of the school, as to order and general deportment, under the vigorous watchfulness of the committee, was very much improved during the last term. There was an apparent lack of that interest, spirit and energy which are so necessary to the successful working of such a school as this.

The Primary department during the past, as has been the case ever since the organization of the district, has been under the successful management of Miss Lizzie A. Chase. The fact that her services have been so long retained in this position is a sufficient commentary on this school. She combines long experience with a tact and judgement so indispensable to success in school-room

work, thereby making this school a model of industry. The examination showed thoroughness of work and complete mastery on the part of the pupils, of the branches taught.

We desire again, briefly, to call the attention of the parents of the district to their duties concerning the education of their children. This subject is one that should receive their personal supervision. It is of the greatest importance that the parents should exhibit an interest in the school and know what is there being done. You give your personal presence, attention and effort to the common, every-day transactions of business life, but too frequently neglect this, the most important of all your duties.

Who is there among you who would hire a man or woman to conduct important business transactions or to perform difficult tasks of labor, and leave them to do that business or labor in their own way, without ever giving the same your own supervision and looking to see that it is properly done, and done with thoroughness and dispatch? While you trust the training of your children to one who may be a comparative stranger to you, without ever stepping in to see for yourselves how this important trust is being executed.

A show of interest on the part of the parents begets the same feeling on the part of the scholars, as well as in the teacher, and may in its results convert what would otherwise be a poor or ordinary school into a good one.

We desire to call attention of the district to our table of statistics, particularly to the number of instances of tardiness and dismissals in the Grammar School. This is a serious injury to any school and should be corrected by the parents of the district.

By watchfulness and attention to our duties we have made a saving of fuel during the past winter, which has been a very favorable one, amounting to something like eighty dollars as compared with the same item last year. The furnace has worked satisfactorily and made the rooms comfortable.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

	No. of Term.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Whole number of scholars,		29	29	27
Average attendance,		242.5	231.2	201.2
Number in Reading,		29	29	27
Number in Spelling,		29	28	27
Number in Writing,		29	28	27
Number in Arithmetic,		29	28	27
Number in Geography,		9	9	9
Number in Grammar,		12	17	15
Number in Composition,		29	28	27
Number in United States History,		10	8	9
Number in Algebra,		1		
Number instances tardiness,		35	72	74
Number dismissals,		73	151	96

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

	No. of Term.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Whole number of scholars,		52	51	44
Average attendance,		45	41	37
Number in Reading,		52	51	44
Number in Spelling,		52	51	44
Number in Writing,		30	35	33
Number in Arithmetic,		35	37	30
Number in Geography,		7	7	18
Number instances tardiness,		46	44	25
Number dismissals,		11	12	15

Tilton, March 3, 1876.

J. B. ROBINSON,
A. S. BALLANTYNE, } *Board of Education.*
C. C. ROGERS,

